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Or you'll hear a [illegible]
When I'm only seven.

Then let wind and rain above,
All [illegible]
Chase [illegible]
Or perish in the [illegible]
[illegible] Palma.

STRUGGLE ON AN ENGINE.

How an Engineer on His Back, Locked With an Enemy, Stopped the Train.

Over in the lounging room for the trainmen at the terminus of one of the trunk lines in Jersey City several trainmen were exchanging stories of hairbreadth escapes, hairbreadth escapes and instances of presence of mind while waiting to be summoned to their duties. Finally it came the turn of a small, gray haired, keen eyed man.

"Well, yes," he said, taking a chew of his neighbor's tobacco, "I had one exciting trip. It was long back in '83, before the county of Pike, dubbed Monroe Hibbard as [illegible] which if you want to speak to the fireman you have to stop at a telegraph station and send him a message, or else slap the air over in the rear car, notch a brake up as you pass and he wants to come or not. Never did like these penny dreadful characters. I was doing stunts on the 607—a good enough old engine, too. Just out the shop when she'd been overhauled and had the air brakes put on her.

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"As he spoke, he let look me back by the throat, I could do anything at all, and by my shoulder, 'n I felt [illegible] of the cab. He was on the floor in a heap on top of me. After I was pretty stunned by the fall, I got around enough left to grab him, and I wrapped him a hug like one of mine.

"All this time the train had been gaining speed, and at the moment we were fairly within the old mogan's grasp to a free as we swung around a curve. The space between the boiler head of the cab was so narrow I couldn't get my body off mine, and I felt my left arm [illegible] of his feet, [illegible] and [illegible] my throat. He was [illegible] by the liquor that he'd drunk, but, for more than three minutes we battled with him. He was no big 'n heavy that I couldn't do much, but we lay way back flat on the floor, [illegible] by the side of the cab, one side on the boiler on the other I hugging him like a long lost brother, the cars behind us meanwhile doin the ringtime down that hill. Trees were a mere blur to me, and I'm willing to be somethin about [illegible] of us, 'n at the foot of the hill was an [illegible] waiting. It was a branch station there 'n the engine switch tender all times. If we ever hit any [illegible] at that rate of speed I don't think Joe Hoffman or any of us would be getting in a chance. I once again, I'm sure, climbed to the engineer's side of the cab, and I got on the train crew to do something as soon I knew a crew of those fast freights draw to a stop, for some engine in pursuit in the caboose direction.

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TRIALS OF A WOMAN.

CHE WHO TAKES THE TICKETS AT THE PICTURE SHOWS.

Her Task, While Nerve Racking, Involves a Study of Some of the Curious Phases of Human Nature That at Times Are on Dress Parade.

As a rule the young woman who takes tickets at the picture exhibition is not stuck on herself. The other day, trying to earn money enough for a Klondike outfit, I took a "soft thing" at the ticket table at a picture show. All I have to do apparently is to sit in a roomful of pictures, take people's dimes as they come in and sell catalogues.

You would be surprised to see how much work it is. I said a girl who takes tickets at one of the big exhibitions. You have to keep your eyes open all the time, for there are a large number of people who try to run past without tickets. I have to go after people three times a day, calling "Tickets, please," and they turn on me with indignant stares. Most of them go and buy tickets. But one well dressed woman the other day took a quick glance at me, looked me over from head to foot, and said in an icy tone, "Ticket! I have no ticket!" and proceeded calmly on her way. I ran after her again.

"Madame," I said, "I shall have to trouble you for a ticket."

"I have already told you I had made a mistake," she said.

I am afraid you will have to get one," said I. "I was beginning to be afraid I should have to get a bouncer to put her out, for I was determined she should not go in without paying. That is what I am here for, and I am conscientious. Well at last she flounced out to the ticket office, bought her ticket and put it down on my desk, saying:

"What an imposition!"

"That is one sort of the people I have to deal with. Then the other is the kind who wish to borrow a catalogue for a minute and keep it the whole afternoon. I have to be very stern about catalogues. The best way is to politely look up whatever picture is asked for and to absolutely refuse to let any one take a catalogue for a moment. One nice old lady took me at my word, and I really believe she asked me every single number in the room. I did more than 25 cents worth of work for her, I can tell you. The worst is telling people the price of pictures. After about six weeks of it it grates on one's nerves. This is what continually happens. A threadbare old gentleman comes to the desk.

"Do you know the price of pictures?" he asks.

"Yes, would you like to know the price of any?" I reply.

"There is one in the other room," he says.

"What is the number?" I ask.

"I don't know the number, but it is in the other room."

"How I have to send him for the number.

"'No 22?'

"'That is $500.'

"'Why?' asks my old gentleman.

"'If it's early in the afternoon I explain to him that I suppose the artist thinks it worth that that he is well known, or what not, later I say, 'I don't know.' Not one person in 50 of those who ask the price have the slightest idea of buying. Some will go through half an exhibition and in that on knowing the prices of all. I get so tired of being polite and affable to all these people that by the time I get out in the evening I am ready to insult my dearest friend for the sake of being rude to some one. It is so hopeless telling the price of a picture over and over again and each time hearing the people exclaim 'What an awful price!'

"A great many people hold me personally responsible for the pictures. Lots of people come and talk very disagreeably to me about them. 'What makes them have such bad shows?' they ask me. Young men come up and say, 'Isn't this awful trash?' in an accusing sort of way as though I had done it all myself. And one man fairly shook his fist in my face and demanded his money back. It's a swindle,' he shouted at me. But it really wasn't my fault.

At private exhibitions it's different. There people come up to me and say, 'What a privilege to sit among the works of the masters all day.' I don't tell them that if I sat among the works of the masters much longer I should go mad, but I would like to.

"The other day a friend of mine took my place. A man came up to her and asked:

"'Miss, is your picture among these works of art?'

"'Why, no,' she replied.

"He stood off a little way and squinted at her. It should be—you are worthy of it. Did no one ever tell you you had a beautiful profile?'

"That was a little startling coming from an utter stranger. Later she learned that her admirer was ——, the well known photographer. Of course he had been looking at her through an artist's eyes and from a purely artistic standpoint and had meant no offense. But it was trying."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Instinct and Death.

During my 14 years of hermit life I have run across many incidents that prove that wild animals comprehend the meaning of death. Two years ago I found the nest of a "wild" domestic cat in an old stone wall. There were three live kittens and one dead one. I left the dead kitten as an experiment. Whenever I had found a nest before this a visit a few hours later would find the nest deserted, the kittens removed to some secret spot. When I again visited the nest in question it was deserted save for the dead kitten. If that cat had no conception of death she would have placed the dead kitten beyond my reach and for the same reason that caused her to remove the live kittens.—Forest and Stream.

The Highest Windmill.

The highest windmill in England is the High Mill at Great Yarmouth. It is believed also to be the highest in the world. Built in 1812, at a total cost of £20,000, its height in brick is 100 feet, and the wooden cage on the summit further increases this another ten feet. In a high wind the mill works at 30 horsepower and is capable of grinding one comb of wheat an hour or crushing ten comb of oats an hour.

His Side of It.

"Well, my," asked the female suffragist orator, "would a man be today were it not for woman?"

He paused a moment and looked around the hall. "I repeat," she said, "where would man be today were it not for woman?"

"He'd be in the garden of Eden eating [illegible] peanuts," answered a voice from the gallery.—Chicago News.

Skylark's Glorious Song.

Next I set a pool about the skylark and I really cannot say. It is a [illegible] of James Thomson's so beautiful that I best known passages, the line rising from his bed of grass at the [illegible] song, as if he rises a little [illegible] to heaven and climbs at [illegible] is singing all the while, and the [illegible] angel to be [illegible] through the air and [illegible] heavenly [illegible] below.

It is [illegible] to one of the great ones of English literature. Shelley's finest work is his supreme ode. But as may be said of an [illegible] it is [illegible] with the birds singing at [illegible] and ought to awaken. The rapture with which the whole spectacle at first dies down [illegible] into Shelley's ever [illegible]

[illegible] Nightingale [illegible] bird sings, it [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] out of by the pigeons of the air, hiding itself to the glory of the [illegible] heavens.—Minneapolis Journal.

Only an Earthquake.

During his recent tour in 1868 F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, had his first experience with an American earthquake. It was in San Francisco and it was one of the greatest known on the Pacific for years. Mr. Crawford was finishing at the theater where his lecture manager when suddenly the building began to tremble with the shivering motion which is peculiar to earthquakes. Then the rolling shock and [illegible] falling to the floor.

In an instant there was a panic. Men and women rushed from the room. Some religiously inclined guest began to pray and several women fainted. The manager rose and staggered toward the door, but Mr. Crawford caught him and pulled him back into his chair.

"What is it?" gasped the manager.

"Nothing," answered the novelist, reaching for another slice of bread.

"But the building is collapsing."

"No, no. It's over now."

"But what is it?"

"It's only an earthquake. We get them in Italy quite often. It doesn't amount to anything. What kind of dessert are you going to have?"—Philadelphia Post.

"Dropped" Eggs.

What we in New England call dropped eggs all the rest of the country call poached eggs, but I am going to stick to the name in spite of everything and call the method I am going to give you "dropped eggs."

Put one quart of boiling water into a saucepan full of salt and one teaspoonful of vinegar in a frying pan. Place in the pan as many muffin rings as there are eggs to be dropped and set the pan where the water will just boil, but not [illegible]. Break each egg carefully and drop it into a ring. If an egg seems not exactly fresh or if the yolk breaks, do not use it. Cook until the white of the eggs are firmly set, then gently lift off the water, remove the rings and lift the eggs with a cake turner, place them on slices of buttered toast and serve at once. Parties [illegible] in muffin rings [illegible] much easier to do it and [illegible] than out with [illegible]. It may take a little practice to make a dish perfectly, but when once you get the knack you will wonder [illegible] any trouble [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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(Subject to decision of the State Convention)

FOR PROTHONOTARY, ETC.,
GEORGE W. MITCHELL.

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WILLIAM B. CLARKE.

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ALBERT PETERSON,
A. M. BOARDMAN.

FOR COUNTY AUDITORS,
A. LINCOLN GALLUP,
J. LESTER WARD.

NEARLY fifty naval vessels are under construction in American dock yards, including a number for foreign powers.

THE Reynolds will very likely drop the cry of "the crime of 1873" and take up with a new one of 1899, which will be increase of wages and plenty of work.

IT is not known that George Washington assassinated any of his commanding generals. It is about time to call the parallel between Washington and Aguinaldo an error of judgment.

SECRETARY ALGER is without doubt the Quay of the McKinley administration. He seems determined to hang on even though the broadest hints have been given that his room is preferable to his company.

REPORTS come from every quarter of the increase in workingmen's wages, and yet the Democratic newspapers are kept so busy howling about Bryanism, 16 to 1 and expansion that they have no time to notice it at all.

THE battle cry of Democracy in 1896 was that wheat and silver were bound to be equal in price soonie to have got lost in the shuffle, as we do not hear any more said about it. Wheat and silver must have got a Dakota divorce.

WHY should we begrudge the Democrats the pleasure and profit they anticipate from digging up the tariff issue? For the last three years they have grown thin and worn sitting up nights with the corpse of free silver, and they now only seek a much needed recreation.

YES, the McKinley administration is to blame for the trusts. During the Cleveland regime there was scarcely anything manufactured, and what was manufactured could not be sold. Hot who would desire to go back to that graveyard depression that existed from 1893 to 1897? Better a thousand trusts than to have the country filled with soup houses for the idle workingman.

IT is useless to deny that the policy of protection to American labor and industry is more or less responsible for the existing deadlock on the wage question between the tin plate manufacturers and their employes. Had there been no protective tariff on tin plate there would certainly be no labor trouble in that industry at the present time, and for the best of all reasons: There would now be no tin plate industry in this country, and the question of wages could not possibly have come up. It will be remembered that prior to the enactment of the McKinley law there were no tin plate mills and hence no labor troubles.—Economist.

THE MIXER had no idea of bringing Littlebridge into so much notoriety when it mentioned him as a running mate for Bryan. But like many other men he is liable to have greatness thrust upon him. Soon the newspapers will teem with stories of how, when a small boy, he gleaned knowledge by the aid of a pitch pine knot stuck in a crevice of the old stone fireplace, went barefooted when he hunted of the cows, had stone bruises, wore hickory shirts and Kentucky jean pantaloons and walked three or four miles to the country school during the cold winter season. How he labored during the warm summer months to earn means to carry him through college; how he studied law and became an able barrister, and finally became a full-fledged newspaper editor, which proved a stepping stone to his choice by the convention to the second place on their ticket. Well, Will, here is success to you. May you live long, prosper and die happy.

THAT it is necessary to separate the judiciary from politics becomes more apparent every day. There is scarcely a judicial district in the State but there is a question raised as to the impartiality of the judge who presides over its courts. This ought not to be. Any judge who owes his election to either dominant party finds himself hampered by his political affiliations. The time will come, and that ere long, when the people will demand the election of a non-partisan judiciary, and it remains with the people to bring about this much needed reform. The judge on the bench like the blind God then of Justice should not find himself beholden to any party or faction, but simply to execute the law and deal out justice to all without fear or favor. When the people become far enough advanced to discriminate between party zeal and a non partisan judiciary we may hope for better things. Politics should not be allowed to enter into the election of a judge. Neither political party should nominate a candidate for judgeship. They ought to be chosen in like manner as a county superintendent of public schools is chosen. No question of politics enters into that, and why should there be in the selection of a judge?

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 17, 1899.

President McKinley is much interested in the daily reports received at the War Department from the recruiting officers and is greatly pleased at the promptness with which men are enlisting—the average is nearly 400 a day—for the hard service known to be before them in the Philippines, although he is not surprised. He has an abiding faith that the patriotism of Americans is strong enough to promptly meet every call that it may become necessary to make upon it. It is now certain that the ten new regiments of volunteers will be recruited in time to be sent to Gen. Otis as soon as he can use them, which will not be until after the rainy season is over in the Philippines.

Director Roberts of the United States Mint has just returned from a trip through the middle west. He said of what he observed: "Money is plentiful and the west seems to have all of its share. In fact, there is so much money that Nebraska banks, for instance, are competing for commercial paper in Chicago, with interest at a low rate. I do not think this has ever occurred before. Heretofore the western banks have never had too much money, and have had to borrow from Chicago and the east. Money is now going from the west to the east and this renders the money market in the east easy. Therefore American money is going to Europe where interest is higher. There is not much talk of politics in the west. The general understanding that President McKinley and Mr. Bryan will be renominated. Mr. McKinley will carry more western States than he did three years ago, and will obtain a much larger majority in Iowa than before. Many Democrats who voted for Bryan told me that they were satisfied with the situation, and would vote for the re election of McKinley."

Senator Scott of West Virginia who has just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast, gave the Democrats who imagine that a successful campaign can be made on an anti-expansion and free silver platform a valuable pointer, when he told them that the Democrat most mentioned for the Presidential nomination out there was Senator Morgan of Alabama, who is admired because of his work in behalf of the Nicaragua canal, his robust expansion views and his hearty support of the foreign policy of President McKinley, during and since the war with Spain.

Admiral Dewey has written that he will arrive in New York harbor not later than October 1, and that he may possibly get there a little earlier. He will receive such a welcome and ovation as was never given to any American, and the best part of it is that he deserves all the honor that will be given him. There are other heroes of the war with Spain, all of whom are honored by an appreciative and patriotic people, but no man ever did so much in a single day to raise his country in the estimation of the whole world as George Dewey did on the memorable May day in Manila harbor. Dewey is not only an American hero, but he is a world hero, whose name will be known and honored as long as brave deeds give men places in the niches of the temple of fame, and are recorded in song and story.

There was really nothing significant in the fact that during three days, when Secretary Alger and Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn were away from Washington, Gen. Miles was acting Secretary of War. By a statute of the United States the Commanding General of the army is directed to act as Secretary of War during the absence of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary. This happened to be the first time that both of these officials had been absent at the same time since before the war with Spain. The fact that both of these officials should have been absent at once does indicate, however, that the relations between General Miles and the War Department have somewhat improved. It is very certain that there was quite an extended period during which General Miles would not have been given an opportunity to act as Secretary of War under that law.

Ex Senator Wilson of the State of Washington says expansion is not a party question in his State, as it is endorsed by practically the entire population. He thinks there isn't the slightest doubt of President McKinley's re-election by an increased majority, both in the popular vote and in the electoral college. Like other observant men who have recently been in the extreme west, Mr. Wilson thinks that Bryan is losing ground so fast in that section that he will not be renominated by the Democrats. It is only because of Bryan's supposed control of the west and south, that he has any support at all in the east. If the west and south do not send solid delegations for him to the Democratic National Convention, he will stand but little show, even with the two thirds rule, which his friends are working to abolish, out of the way.

KEEP HANDS OFF.

There has been a great deal of foolish talk as to the necessity for a protective tariff having passed, because in some articles of manufacture we are able to undersell the world, and hence our exports of these manufactured goods are increasing at a magnificent rate. This is a proof of the soundness of the Republican doctrine that a protective tariff does not interfere with the development of our export trade. The free traders have always declared that a large volume of manufactured exports is impossible under protection. We have, during the past two years, proved the utter falsity of this theory.

Don't go to juggling with the tariff. Let well enough alone. The people of this country have lost, in the aggregate, many millions of dollars by the check to enterprise which has resulted from the agitation of the tariff question from 1884 to 1896. We are getting ample revenue from the Dingley bill. It oppresses no one. Keep hands off, and let the country go on prospering!—Toledo Blade.

SOUTHERN manufacturers are reported to have increased 60 per cent. faster than in the corresponding quarter of last year. Many Southerners who voted for silver begin to see the error of the statement that the hum of industry could come only with free coinage.

ALGER has consented to step down and out August 1st. Thanks, awfully.

An Enterprising Druggist.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than L. K. Hogarth & Co., who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. Kings New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures asthma, bronchitis, hoarseness and all affections of the throat, chest and lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers expel from the system all poisonous accumulations, regulate the stomach, bowels and liver, and purify the blood. They drive away disease, dissipate melancholy, and give health and vigor for the daily routine. Do not gripe or sicken. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

You can't cure dyspepsia by dieting. Eat good wholesome food and plenty of it. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests food without aid from the stomach and is made to cure. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

TO DEATH OR RELIGANT MEN.

One of the most brilliant members of President McKinley's Cabinet, and noted men of the country for that matter, is Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith. He is recognized everywhere as the spokesman of the Administration, a position of great delicacy and responsibility. He was at one time minister to Russia, where he discharged his intricate diplomatic duties in a manner which won for him commendation at home and in that great empire. For many years he was editor of the Philadelphia Press.

Mr. Smith has been a consistent anti-Quay man for a generation. He knew the horrors of the Quay dynasty years ago and the Press has been a power for good in wringing concessions for the people's benefit from the machine, if not overcoming it. Quay has not been able to keep him down as he does most men who have differed with him. Quay wants his henchmen in office naturally. They are usually men of inferior attainments because they are the more readily controlled; none others need apply. Pennsylvania, since the Quay regime held sway, has been celebrated for the inferiority of the men in political life with a few notable exceptions.

The machine has made the path of its opponents to official preferment such a mass of lies, slander and spurious detectives that it has deterred many able, honest men from entering upon it. The machine itself, wicked and corrupt, firmly intrenched in power, seldom makes a campaign on its own merits, for the very good reason that it has none. It ma ks behind the party, behind the President, the war, or else by perjured purchased testimony tries to make the electors believe that its opponents are as bad as the machine is and consequently no relief may be expected from that quarter.

The cry of the subsidized machine organs is "bogus reformers." This cry is taken up and reiterated until an element of doubt is raised in the mind of the elector who is well posted on the evils of the Quay machine from which he is an acute sufferer. Around comes the Quay office holder who informs him that it is only a scheme. The fellows who are out want to get in and do the bossing themselves. That things will be no better under a new order than the old. Disheartened at the apparent outlook the weary and disgusted farmer stays at home and plows his buckwheat field the day of the primaries and the Quay candidates win.

The men who stand the brunt of the battle, who spend their time, their money, their energy and make the sacrifices for a vital principle for the benefit of the farmer who stayed at home, do not feel as kindly toward their agricultural neighbor as they might if he had only come to the polls and registered his conviction. It is more important to him that he should have been there to cast his vote than that he had any buckwheat crop at all. The only way the people can get any concessions from the machine whatever is to fight it. You can't kill it; the devil cannot be exterminated, but he was chained once for a thousand years.

Mr. Smith, no doubt, has been deterred from entering the lists by reason of the gamut of machine abuse which every anti Quay man must run. But President McKinley recognized his ability, lifted him bodily over the head of Quay and his machine and landed him in the Cabinet greatly to its advantage and benefit and Quay's humiliation and chagrin.

There are many men in Pennsylvania the equal of Mr. Smith in every way. They are not allowed to come to the front politically because their brilliancy would but overshadow the mediocrity of our present public servants, which would not do. Neither would they "take orders," which they must do. They are relegated to the rear and only those allowed in front who will consent to be mere puppets.

There is not a dearth of great men in Pennsylvania, public opinion to the contrary, but the path to political preferment is either such a subservient one or a vile one that honest men of brilliant attainments shrink from entering upon it, knowing that almost certain defeat awaits them. It is very evident that until Pennsylvania raises the standard of those in control of affairs it will never take rank with other States. This can only be done by coercing the machine into taking men of character and forcing it to adopt decent methods. That is the end toward which honest men are struggling.—Republican Advocate.

JUDGE MORRISON.

As the date of the State convention to nominate a Republican ticket to be elected this fall approaches, the availability of the different candidates is being discussed, and we notice that the candidate of McKean county for Supreme Judge is receiving favorable comment in the papers all over the State. The claims of the oil country are being considered, as well as the eminent fitness of Judge Morrison. Geographically considered, this nomination should come to this county and as there are no candidates for any other State offices at this time from this section of the State, the nomination of Judge Morrison should be a certainty. As it should be, there are other candidates and all of them are good men, but none of them can add the strength to the ticket that Judge Morrison can and none of them so well qualified to deal with the peculiar phases or questions arising from the great oil industry.

The heroes of 1898 1899 are asking recognition in the nomination of Lieut. Col. Barnett, of the 10th Regiment for State Treasurer, but the veterans of 1861-1865 have no desire recognition, and the nomination of Judge Morrison would be a compliment to them that would receive a response outside of party lines. He has always been a comrade to the boys—now old—"who wore the blue," and is a man against whom no man can truthfully say aught of evil. His name and honesty and integrity have been synonyms ever since he came into public life. No shady transaction has ever left a blot or stain upon his character, and no one ever questions his ability to perform all the duties of the onerous position.—Mt. Jewett News.

THE American people would far rather hear Mr. Bryan on trusts than to take him for President on trust.—Indianapolis (Ind.) Journal.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be disordered, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at L. K. Hogarth & Co.'s drug store. 50 cents per bottle.

Our baby has been continually troubled with colic and cholera infantum since his birth, and all that we could do for him did not seem to give him more than temporary relief, until we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. Since giving that remedy he has not been troubled. We want to give you this testimonial as an evidence of our gratitude, not that you need it to advertise your meritorious remedy.—G. M. Law, Keokuk, Iowa. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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A fine residence in Smethport, within 3 minutes' walk of the court house; gas, water and closets. The house is a two-story structure, large and commodious. Will be sold cheap and on reasonable terms. Inquire at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Lackamp, Elston, Mo., write: "One M nute Cough Cure saved the life of our little boy when nearly dead with croup." L. K. Hogarth & Co.

AS TO THE RESURRECTION.

From the Ocean Times.

"And all our yesterdays have lighted fools the way to dusty death."

Time is a clock which goes round and round continually making no new revolutions. Creation is about beyond us, and our only miracle now is the myth of the so-called resurrection of the dead. From the earliest dawn of history man has appeared on this planet and flourished for a brief period and then he sinks into the earth and is seen no more forever.

Gone, gone like the wind, or like the snow That fell a thousand years ago.

Death has followed life in quick succession. Generation after generation has come and gone until the dead is almost equal in number to the sands upon the seashore. What has become of this vast and mighty throng? Who knows, or who can tell? The vasty deep does not give back its dead; silence and darkness reign there, and no echo is heard from that lone shore. Go ask the Pope, the so called representative of Christ, or the wisest and most learned doctor of divinity on the earth, and all they can do will be to point to faith and hope as the answer, but as to any knowledge or certainty they must, like all other mortals, bow to ignorance. But as faith and hope, belief and creed give no evidence, nor establish a single fact, we are still left in doubt. Hence, man with all his science, intelligence and civilization, his knowledge and wisdom, his faith and hope, his creed and belief, doesn't know whether death is to be a wall or an open door. All beyond is simply conjecture, speculation and theory.

The Egyptians had faith, hope and belief as strong as their very existence that after about three thousand years the spirit would return to the body, and then this body would spring into life again, be me immortal and live forever; hence they mummified their bodies ready for the reception of the spirit. But as far the poor Egyptians, the spirit didn't come back, and now these bodies are being dug up and scattered all over the world as a curiosity and show. We laugh at such pagan notions, and yet St. Paul, the most learned of all the apostles, follows right along in the line of paganism and devotes a whole chapter (See Cor. 15) on the resurrection of the dead. But, unlike the Egyptians, who would preserve their bodies from decay, Paul would just let them rot in the tomb for untold ages, while their particles of matter are scattered to the four winds of heaven, forming and becoming part of rock, tree, shrub and flower. But no difference, they will spring into life again. Sometime in the dim and distant future, when perhaps the stars fade away and the sun and moon go in darkness, a trumpet will sound, and then these scattered nothings like the mummies, will spring into life again, become immortal and live forever. Search heathen and pagan mythology and we can find nothing more illogical and absurd. The ideas of the ages long agone are nothing to those beyond to day and to morrow.

The social condition of humanity is worth a thousand times more consideration than the vague and misty theories of the past. To day all nature teaches us as a certainty and foregone conclusion, that no dead thing ever has, can or will be brought back to life again. When the physical is gone, it is gone forever; that is the end and is a finality. Then isn't it strange that some man, simply a mortal like ourselves, should rise up and predict something which does not occur in nature, and which science says cannot occur.

Now look at this epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 15, all through carefully, and we find no mention of a life of any kind, spiritual or otherwise, beyond the grave, until a trumpet sounds, then all are raised up and receive life and immortality, and not before. The gist of the whole chapter then is, that all mankind, good and bad, including soul and spirit (if he has any) lie down in the cold, damp ground in an unconscious sleep, and there they must remain, and sleep on and on through the gloom and ages, until the trumpet sounds. Hence, if Paul's sayings are true, our future life and existence all depend upon the sounding of a trumpet. What, then, I ask of the wise ones, become of the Christian and the saint, who are supposed to be away off in the heavens? Ah, the tombs still hold them all while they are quietly sleeping. And this is Paul and the resurrection.

Just think of it. Paul could look beyond the grave, yet he couldn't look into the future of the nineteenth century when he would degrade woman. And yet with all our intelligence and civilization, the clergy still cling to the pagan idea of a physical resurrection, and hence at almost every funeral they read this 15th chapter of Corinthians, but why, to me is a mystery. What sense or comfort is there in reading about life to come that may not occur in one million years, and then only upon the sounding of a trumpet?

Now let us take a more rational, exalted and common sense view of the resurrection, not of the dead, but of the living. All must agree that if we live at all in the future, it must be in spirit form, and not otherwise, and we ask, when does this spirit life commence? It must necessarily commence at the death of the body, because this spirit cannot die, nor can it sleep or slumber, neither can it reunite with body again.

Death, then, is only a transition to a higher life. The body, like an old garment, is thrown off while life and intelligence go on. The spirit rising up out of the material body, is the resurrection; hence the resurrection is simply a spiritual birth, and this birth is just as natural as our physical birth into this world. We take this view as the only solution of a future life and the resurrection, and we think it must be just that of nothing, or in other words, annihilation. Hence there will be no necessity for the sounding of a trumpet and no necessity for the resurrection of the dead, gone and extinct body.

C. K. SARTWELL, Olean, N. Y.

Persons troubled with diarrhœa will be interested in the experience of Mr. W. M. Bush, clerk of Hotel Derrance, Providence, R. I. He says: "For several years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrhœa, the frequent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my duties at this hotel. About two years ago a traveling salesman kindly gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. Much to my surprise and delight its effects were immediate. Whenever I felt symptoms of the disease I would fortify myself against the attack with a few doses of this valuable remedy. The result has been very satisfactory and almost complete relief from the affliction." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Portage Falls Excursion $1.00.

On Sundays, July 2, 16, 30, August 13 and 27 the W. N. Y. & P. R'y will run popular excursions to Portage Falls. Special train will leave Smethport at 9.30 a. m. Fare $1.00. Trains will arrive at Portage Falls Park 11:30 a. m. Returning, leave 5:15 p. m., giving nearly six hours to visit the Falls and their delightful surroundings. A band of music will accompany each excursion and give a free concert at the park during the afternoon.

Of Interest to Inventors.

C. A. Snow & Co., one of the oldest and most successful firms of patent lawyers, whose offices are opposite the United States Patent Office in Washington, D. C., and who have procured patents for more than 17,000 inventors, say that, owing to the improved conditions in the United States Patent Office, patents may now be more promptly procured than at any previous time in their experience of twenty-five years.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. B. Cooper of El Rio, Cal. "For small children it is especially effective." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have their ice cream parlor separate from store, with side entrance.

JUDGE LOVE'S WEAK MINDED.

This is from the Olean Times. We presume that the remarks of the editor refer to Judge Love, who presides over the courts of [illegible] county, and who, while acting [illegible] claims the right [illegible] over the Democratic [illegible] Quay county, and [illegible] ing to be a common [illegible] or anti politician.

If Judge Love wants to engage in such business either for machine delegates or anti machine delegates he should resign his place on the bench and give the people of Centre county a chance to elect someone who will not drag the judicial office in the mire of either partisan or factional politics. We have been reluctant to believe that Judge Love would be willing to dishonor himself and dishonor the bench by engaging in a politics buttonholing canvass, but the evidence that he is doing so is too conclusive to longer doubt it. Any judge on the Philadelphia bench who would do what Judge Love is engaged in would be driven from his position by the righteous indignation of the people. No such judge would be trusted with the administration of justice. The people do not want the corruption of politics to taint the courts and destroy their usefulness.

The judge who goes into petty politics as an active participant, seeking the help of voters here and there in his district, barters away his judicial as he does his personal independence. He loads himself with obligations to individuals in the future discharge of which many litigants must suffer. The court becomes a tribunal for the dispensation of favoritism instead of justice. The judge who involves himself in an acrimonious partisan controversy whether it be for the usual gold brick or a reward in hand, necessarily feels in his official action the influence of the contest. It is a shameless and dishonorable use of the judicial office which no district in the State can afford to tolerate unless it is desired that the courts shall be degraded and made useless to the common people.

Judge Love not only wrongs himself by his methods, but he wrongs all the people of the district upon whose bench he sits. We cannot believe the Republican voters in a single county in the State will permit anything of that kind without expressing their condemnation of it in the most emphatic way. Judge Love should be taught that a judge must not dishonor his position.—Philadelphia Press.

ANOTHER chapter of the manipulation in connection with the bribery proceedings comes from Harrisburg. The chapter is not highly creditable to the Attorney General, who is postponing a decision affecting the character of a public official and the public interests of a county for no visible official reason. The aspect of the matter is made worse by the fact that the Attorney General refuses to act with the private prosecutor in the cases in which true bills have been found, though directed to do so by the resolution of the House of Representatives. When it is remembered that the Attorney General is also chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee the picture presented is one not calculated to inspire respect or admiration for machine politics.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

AMERICANS are generally glad to learn that the countess Cowers has been acquitted by Spain of the charge of destroying the Spanish fleet at Santiago. It might go adversely with Dewey if he were brought before the same tribunal with a like charge regarding that other Spanish fleet.

Grip Treatment.

Grip can be broken up in from one to three days by the prompt use of Boschee's Elixir. It has done it. It will do it. Try it before pneumonia or consumption sets in. After grip, Baxter's Mandrake Bitters are nature's remedy for expelling all grip poisons from the blood, regulating the bowels, strengthening the nerves and imparting vigor to the system.

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Horses.

A Mexican pony came to the premises of the undersigned about three weeks ago. The pony is branded in three places, has a white strip in the face and is a sorrel. The owner will please come, prove property and pay charges or the pony will be disposed of according to law.

20 tf GEORGE IRONS.

Thomas Rhoads, Centerville, O., writes: "I suffered from piles seven or eight years. No remedy gave me relief until DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, less than a box of which permanently cured me." Soothing, healing perfectly harmless. Beware of counterfeits. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Saturday, July 22,

At J. COLEGROVE'S

Golden Rio coffee, to-day 12c per pound.

Try Star bacon, regular 25c size at 20c.

1 lb Baker's Pure Food baking powder and your own picture mounted on a handsome placque, price 50c.

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Try One Minute tapioca and you will use no other. Price to-day 8c pkg.

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4 oz bottle of vanilla or lemon extract for 15c.

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Auditors' Report

Of moneys paid out by Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Collectors of Taxes, Constables, Township Auditors, Township Treasurers, Township Supervisors, Township Overseers of the Poor, Township Assessors

NEW GOODS

Our spring trade has been much in excess of previous years.

Liberal stocks have vanished with a rapidity far beyond our brightest expectations.

June 1st finds us ready with the pink of perfection in

Shirtwaists
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Summer Shoes
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Golf Shirts
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Hosiery.

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Smethport, Pa.

Photographs

This has been a busy season and attests the fact that the pictures I make give perfect satisfaction. When you want a good article go to the place where the most business is done.

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McKean County Miner

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read the notice in regard to telegraph poles.

—The Kane Leader has entered on its 17th year.

—H. C. Wells will move into his new store Monday.

—Ask Joe Holder about the King James cigar.

—The Baptist Sunday school picnicked at Shark crossing Thursday.

—See the auditors' report of the borough books in another column.

—The young people will picnic at Farmers Valley to-morrow (Friday).

—Howard Milward is now filling the editorial chair of the Kane Leader.

—W. L. Armstrong will soon be skipping around on a chainless bicycle.

—The farmers in this section have encountered very wet weather for haying.

—It is claimed that the daily production of oil at Gaines reaches 500 barrels.

—There were 311,878 foreigners landed on Uncle Sam's shores during the last year.

—J. Colegrove announces his usual Saturday cash bargain sale in another column.

—Ralph E. Burdick moved his household goods into the Rogers residence on Long street last Monday.

—Joseph C. Wilson of Bradford has been awarded a lieutenant's commission and will soon go to Manila.

—The W. C. T. U. of Coryville will give an ice cream social Saturday evening next. Everybody welcome.

—The State tax on oleomargarine since the first of June, when the law took effect, amounts to over $11,000.

—Who will purchase the Grand Central property? It is offered very cheap. A good business easily needled here.

—Our Humane Animals truthfully says: More flesh can be whipped off a horse in one day than can be fed on in a week.

—Hazelhurst will soon have a Catholic church. Everything seems to come to the enterprising residents of that bustling town.

—Fifty-six red oak pews have been received for St. Elizabeth's church at a cost of $200. They are very fine and no mistake.

—Mr. Blair, a contractor and builder of Lower Run, has been awarded the contract of erecting the brick school house at Mt. Alton.

—B. E. Falkner of East Smethport is having a very sore carbuncle on his finger and has his eye open for jobs for left-handed men.

—Watt Burt of Roulette was taken to the General hospital at Buffalo last Friday by Dr. Burg Chadwick, where an operation was performed.

—The young people have a dance at the Rose house to-night (Thursday). Hagensmith's orchestra of Bradford will furnish the motive power.

—Elmer Heath's new building is getting along in fine shape. The roof is on and in about one month a room will be fitted up for a barber shop.

—The Bradford Star office was visited by a kissing bug last Friday. It probably came to pay a visit to the handsome young lady who presides at the desk.

—The members of Co. C of Bradford, who served in the Spanish war, will picnic at Lime Lake August 9. Co. B of Ridgway has been invited to attend.

—Smethport to the front. The first ball club has been organized here. Now look out for the jaw breaking Scotch terms generally used while playing that game.

—Many persons from here enjoyed the excursion to Portage Falls Sunday run by W. N. Y. & P. R'y. All speak highly of the excellent service of the railroad company.

—Thomas Hanley, a woodsman who had been on a protracted spree in Bradford for two weeks, died at the hospital there Monday. He had no relatives in the city.

—The council will please notice that cross walk at the intersection of Main and Church streets is lower than the street, and a stone crossing is a very disagreeable thing for ladies.

—Robert E. M. Cooper, a prominent young man of St. Louis, has lately fallen heir to a half million dollars, bequeathed to him by an old miner of Crip Creek, Colorado, whose life Mr. Cooper had saved years ago down in Texas. Luck will come to some men, even though they are in the newspaper business.

—R. B. Rupert of Ormsby and Miss Frances M. Beveridge were married Wednesday night by Rev. T. D. Ware at the home of Thos. Lawler, on Water street.

—Mrs. Ruth Penner of this place, who was 80 years old in June, not only has ten grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren, but is also a great-great-grandmother.

—Fifty-four railroad laborers came up from Buffalo on the noon train Tuesday. They will be employed on Mr. Kane's railroad. They were pleasantly domiciled at the Pierce House.

—If any of our readers can spare the time for a trip to the seashore this season they will have the opportunity to go on the Pennsylvania Railroad excursion, Thursday, July 27th.

—Will the street commissioner have the kindness to fix drains above the crossing on the streets running north and south, and thus prevent the crossings from being covered with mud and water?

—The Carnegie Steel company of Pittsburg has contracted to furnish the Pressed Steel Car company 30,000 tons of steel plates monthly for a period of ten years, an aggregate of 3,600,000 tons.

—For the past two months the wedding bells have had their innings. Now watch out for the divorce mills when they grind out their grist of separations. Reasons, incompatibility of temperament.

—The grading between here and Hazelhurst will soon be finished, and it will not be long ere the people along Marvin creek will have their slumbers disturbed by the shrill toot of the locomotive.

—Ol' Man Racket is on deck again this week with a new advertisement. He has a new scale of prices that is right down to the bottom notch. If you are looking for bargains, read his ad carefully.

—Smethport will accept Coudersport's bluff, reserving the right to name time and place. If Coudersport will deposit her forfeit with a disinterested party a game and race can be easily arranged.

—The old veterans are beginning to turn their eyes towards the City of Brotherly Love, in longing anticipation of the G. A. R. encampment that takes place there from September 4th to 9th.

—Do not fail to read the new advertisement of R. W. Rubin & Co., calling attention to their great clearing sale from July 25 to August 26. You will find some wonderful bargains at this old and reliable house.

—George French, the popular cigar man formerly representing Geo. P. Isham of Dunkirk, has severed his connection with that firm and is now associated with the Empire Cigar and Tobacco Co. of Wellsville, N. Y.

—The Belgians of Hazelhurst will hold a fair commencing Tuesday, July 25, to continue during the week. Entertainments of interesting character will be furnished every day. Everybody invited and all are welcome.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wells gave a most enjoyable dancing party to a number of their young friends in the lodge room of the new store on Monday. All who attended speak in the highest terms of the entertainment.

—Married, in Gifford, Pa., July 19, 1899, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. W. W. Willoughby, by Rev. Ira Taylor Walker, D. D., Mr. James S. Winters with Miss Ivy B. Willoughby, both of Jamestown, N. Y.

—A young son of S. J. Swanson, up Blomster hollow, fell from a hay mow one day this week and broke his left forearm. Dr. Chadwick was called and reduced the fracture. The boy is doing as well as could be expected.

—The Enterprise is authority for the statement that Potter county people left $2,000 in Port Allegany on the fourth. They must have backed their "champion" bicyclist and ball team more liberally than was at first supposed.

—The oil reports from Coryville are most encouraging. The MINER some three or four weeks ago called attention to this fact, and some of the wiseacres pooh poohed the article. Time will show quite a pool of oil there yet.

—Hulls, a small station on the B. & S. R. R., located on the east fork of the Sinnemahoning river, will be one of the liveliest places in Potter county this year. A large heading factory and about thirty new houses will be erected there soon.

—W. H. Sullivan had the misfortune to shoot one of his most valuable bird dogs, while out hunting last week.—Austin Autograph. Too much politics. It will not do for a man to hunt too many different kinds of game at one and the same time.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending July 15: Tom McGrath, E. O. Pratt, Robt. J. Paton, A. C. Rogers, 2, Wm. Sloppy, Daniel Strange, D. Strange. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Rev. T. D. Ware of the Baptist church will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday, July 23, both morning and evening, in the absence of Dr. Walker who will preach at the Silver Lake Assembly grounds and spend a few days at that popular resort.

—In a railroad wreck at Shorts Mills, near Ridgway, last Monday Michael J. Welsh, fireman, was instantly killed and engineer James Walsh slightly injured. Welch was chief of the Ridgway fire department. He was about 35 years of age and leaves a widow.

—*It is reported that two tons of gold* are on the way from Klondike. How many lives and how much suffering has this wealth cost? Yet in spite of the hardships to be endured people will continue to seek the land of reputed wealth regardless of the cost.

—Because Dr. James J. McCarthy of Meriden, Conn., objected to wedding a woman who insisted on going to the altar robed in an exceedingly low-necked dress the engagement was declared off. The doctor was right and his fiance will live to regret her foolishness.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bush of Norwich have a large paregoric and Winslow's soothing syrup contract on their hands. Last Tuesday a boy stranger weighing 12¾ pounds arrived at their house. Mother and son are doing well, but Andrew has not got accustomed to terra firma yet.

—W. V. Provin was up Potato creek on Thursday of last week and on his return made many of his friends happy by presenting them with a fine mess of trout. The MINER man is likewise under obligations to the obliging boniface of the Commercial House for a mess of the beauties.

—That Kentucky continues to carry its well-earned title of "dark and bloody ground" was fully verified at Manchester, Clay county, on Monday. A riot was started and five men were killed outright and three more severely wounded. They stand sadly in need of martial law to "Ole Kentuck."

—Last Saturday the coroner's jury in the Chipmunk murder case decided that Charles Sullivan came to his death at the hands of Thomas O'Meara in Lawrence McDonald's saloon, located on the Flatstone road, in the town of Allegany, in Chipmunk, on July 3d between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock p. m. O'Meara was placed under $5,000 bail.

—Editor Tom McClellan of the Mt. Jewett Herald is endeavoring to stir up the farmers of the big level to the danger that threatens their farms through the pest known as paint brush. That and the yellow daisy will soon ruin those fine farms unless a speedy remedy is applied.

—Clarence C. Read and Miss Mary Lock, both residents of Oswayo, were married at that place last week. They will reside in their home town. May the brightest star of prosperity and happiness ever guide them.—Ex. If they didn't lock horns, they evidently got their heads together.

—That there is nothing on earth or in the skies that can disturb the equanimity of an attorney was clearly demonstrated during the heavy electric storm of last week. One of our attorneys was out with a camping party and slept like a babe during the storm and was unconscious of the disturbance among the elements.

—A gentleman driving on Main street on Tuesday night discovered that his horse objected to love taps with the whip. The horse's objections consisted of gently kicking up behind and getting one foot over the whiffletree and into the front spring of the buggy. A broken strap, a cracked thill and a lame horse was the extent of the damage.

—The arbitrators who were appointed to adjust the loss on the Grand Central agreed upon the amount last Friday and awarded the sum of $13,866.36. There was a total insurance on the Central and Picard House of $22,000. Allowing that the Picard House is worth $5,000, there would be a depreciation of a little over $3,000 on the Central's insurance.

—When the bids were opened by the county commissioners last Saturday for putting a steel ceiling in the court room it was found that Holmes & Gilfillan were the highest bidders, $1,215, E. E. Stophel of Kane $943, Grant & Crowell of Kane $930, B. U. Taylor of Olean $823, Mrs. F. A. Mason as this place $635. Mrs. Mason's bid being the lowest she was awarded the contract.

—A message from Blossburg was received yesterday announcing the death at that place of Miss Johanna Bannon, sister of Messrs. A. F. and W. H. Bannon of this city. The death of Miss Bannon, following so soon upon that of her sister, causes a double bereavement to the family within a space of two months. W. H. Bannon will leave for Blossburg to-day. —Tuesday's Bradford Era.

—John O. Sonbergh of Bradford in speaking of the many serious fires that have visited our pleasant town lately, closes as follows: "Vore det leke battre att fiytta court-huset hit till Bradford innan dat gar samma vag? What sayest thou, Bro. Olson?" Not by a long shot. 'Tis true we have had several costly fires but we are not discouraged yet, and shall take very good care that the court house does not burn.

—Honors come thick and fast upon some people. The able editor of the Bradford Era, D. A. Dennison, has been selected by Gov. Stone as one of the board of commissioners to represent Pennsylvania at the Paris Exposition next year. The MINER is pleased to think our esteemed contemporary has been so highly favored. The only drawback is there is no compensation. Bro. Dennison will find it necessary to polish up a little on his French.

—There are evidently some people in this world who would not work under any circumstances, even if work was brought them on a platter. To see men sitting around day after day when work is as plentiful as it is around here at the present time seems almost incredible, but such is the case. The old stock system ought to be brought into vogue again, when if they did not work they could be placed in the stocks out of the way of people who are willing to work.

—On a certain unused garden on East Main street there is growing the largest variety of weeds to be found on any piece of ground of like size in the State. Paint brush, thistles of all varieties, burdock, yellow dock, wild mustard and nearly every kind of weed under the sun grows there. This is very discouraging to people having lots adjoining, who take pride in keeping their lots clean. An hour's work with a scythe would work wonders, but instead these weeds go to seed annually and thus one person destroys for one year the labor of his neighbors.

—One of our bright young men was observed, one rainy evening this week, walking on Main street with a most charming young lady with her hand resting on his left arm. In his right hand he carried an umbrella which he was very careful to hold in such a manner as to protect his own precious self, while the rain drops were falling thick and fast upon the fair damsel's head. This young man may make a most exemplary husband, but to a man up a tree it looks as though he would be rather careless in the treatment of his future helpmeet.

—On account of insufficient appropriations by the Legislature, the Trustees of The Pennsylvania State College have been compelled, along with other measures of retrenchment, to discontinue for the present the twelve-weeks Winter Lecture Course in Agriculture and the Cheese-making Course. The Creamery Course will be given as heretofore, beginning January 3d, and the work of the regular four-years' course and the special one year course will go on as usual. Special efforts will also be made to increase the efficiency of the Correspondence Courses in Agriculture.

—Law's uncertainties, or the inability of even jurists upon the true requirements of statutes that so often conflict with others bearing on the same subject, are daily becoming more annoying, notes an exchange. The bicycle side-path law was put into operation in quite a number of counties, when one of the learned judges finally rendered an opinion that the statute does not become effective until January 1, 1899. Why was this not discovered by the solicitors of the counties in which steps had already been taken in the side-path matter, where even registeries had been made of wheel owners who are subject to taxation?

—William McCullough Black died at the county farm last Friday of heart failure, at the age of 79 years. The deceased came to Smethport about 20 years ago and had been a resident of this place ever since. He was born in Greenupsburgh, Green county, Ky., on July 4, 1820. He had been married and had three sons and one daughter, all supposed to be dead. One of the sons died in South Carolina, one in California and one was killed while a scout with Gen. Custer in that terrible massacre by the Indians. Mr. Black claimed to have been a scout under the noted bushwhacker Mosby in old Virginia and West Virginia, of which there is little doubt. The funeral was held at St. Luke's Episcopal church, Rev. J. Heber McCandless officiating. The pall-bearers were Messrs. John Forrest, W. D. Gallup, W. P. Walsh and S. R. Lindsley. After the services at the church the remains were conveyed to Rose Hill cemetery, where in a strange land, away from kindred or relatives reposes the body of William Black. While there was none of his kindred present to shed a sorrowing tear, there were many warm hearts present that sympathized with his lonely lot. May his departed spirit find "that peace that passeth understanding."

—Jacob Hoffman, who was taken to the Bradford hospital, July 6th, died at that institution Monday at 5 o'clock p. m. Mr. Hoffman received an injury some time ago that developed a case of blood poisoning, and in spite of the efforts of a physician for several days. After words blood poisoning set in and death followed. His wife and daughter were with him at the time of his death. The remains were brought over on the train Monday night and the funeral services held in the M. E. church at 3 p. m. Tuesday, Rev. Dr. Ira Taylor Walker officiating. The interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery. The K. O. T. M. to the number of 26 turned out and escorted the remains from the residence to the church and from there to the cemetery. The deceased was born April 7, 1860, and was married August 8, 1884. He carried an insurance of $2 000 in the Maccabees.

—*If any more of Smethport* burn down it would be advisable to move the county seat to Bradford. Come to think of it, it would be a wise move anyway. Smethport money is being invested in Bradford and some of Smethport's enterprising citizens are getting ready to transfer their lares and penates to this city. Now that Colonel Olapo has fallen out with the court house there really is no tie that binds the heart to the borough. Come over gentlemen, and bring the county seat with you; Bradford will find a comfortable place for you to put it. It would be worth your while to be partakers in the honor and glory of Bradford's development.—Bradford Record. This would hardly answer. There are enough Bradford people who get into our jail now. If the jail was located in Bradford it would be full all the time and add great expense to the taxpayers.

—Judge Searle of Montrose, specially presiding, yesterday filed the first decision on the new bicycle side path law yet made in the State. A rule was granted on the county commissioners to show cause why a mandamus should not be issued commanding them to levy a tax on bicycles as recommended. The court discharged the rule and in his opinion holds that the side path commissioners do not take office until January 1, 1900, and that their recommendation has no more force than that of any three citizens. The opinion requires the county commissioners to provide the assessors with books and have the enumeration taken before the side path law becomes operative, that the members thereof may become possessed of a portion of the knowledge necessary to judicially determine the amount of tax to be recommended. The decision is of much interest throughout the State as in many counties the tax has already been levied.—News.

—An occurrence which almost equals the episode of the man who a few years ago started a fire in a stove in the Democrat office with the aid of benzine happened in Coudersport one day last week. A Smethport printer, who was suffering from temporary paralysis of the muscles, superinduced by excessive application of Potter county stimulants, came to town and while here he called at the Democrat office. While watching the publication of the paper on our Hoe press, he got his shoes daubed up with printers' ink. He next proceeded to the boot-black's chair to have them cleaned. As benzine is used to clean the ink from type he no doubt thought it would be a good thing to use on his shoes. He purchased a bottle, and after saturating his shoes he told "Shine" to touch a match to it. His foot was soon enveloped in flames and but for a thoughtful by-stander, who hastily wrapped a coat around his foot and smothered the flames, he would have been horribly burned. He next proceeded to a drug store and bought a bottle of sweet oil which he soaked his stockings with and then poured the remainder into his shoe. He left town on the 1 o'clock train in excellent (?) "spirits," bound for Wellsville.—Potter Democrat.

Christian Missionary Alliance.

The fourth annual convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of the State of Pennsylvania will be held at Orpheus Hall, Bradford, Pa., Aug. 11 to 20, inclusive. The following influential speakers and workers will be present:

Rev. A. B. Simpson, Nyack, N. Y.; Pres. Rev. D. W. Lothrop, China; Gen. Field Supt., Rev. Stephen Merritt, editor King's Messenger, N. Y.; Rev. F. H. Senft, Philadelphia, Supt. Penna. State Auxiliary; John A. Best, Washington, Pa., Pres. Penna. State Auxiliary; Rev. Chas. A. Prigeon, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, Pa.; F. D. Whiteside, Supt. Pittsburg branch; Rev. S. A. Reynolds, Supt. Newcastle branch; Rev. C. D. Shantz, Supt. Gaston branch; Rev. T. P. S. Wilson, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Rev. Wm. Franklin, India, Supt. New Eng. Dist. C. & M. A.; Rev. W. P. McArthur, Pittston, Pa.; Mrs. A. B. Simpson, Fla. Sec'y, Nyack, N. Y.; Mrs. F. H. Senft, Sec'y Penn. State Auxiliary; Misses Ella and Emma Bird, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mina McEntee, evangelist, Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Louise Shepard, Asst. Editor C. & M. A.; Mrs. Wm. Franklin, India, and others.

W. C. T. U.

EDITOR MINER:—Will you kindly mention that as a member of the W. C. T. Union it was my privilege to serve coffee, on the morning of the Grand Central fire. Later some of our ladies served coffee and sandwiches, for our heroic helpers from Bradford had left home without breakfast.

Will you permit the following statements: On all such occasions it is the custom of our ladies to serve coffee—the coffee and sugar used being cheerfully donated by our merchants in turn. Although not a member of the Union, Mrs. Katherine Kidder invariably lends most efficient aid. Thanking you for all courtesies, Very cordially,

S. A. SCOTT, Pres.

July 19, 1899.

Another Popular and Cheap Excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R'y Co. will run another of its popular low rate excursions to Buffalo and Niagara Falls on Sunday next, July 23, by special train leaving Mt. Jewett at 8:40 a. m. arriving at Buffalo, the Pan-American city, at noon and Niagara Falls 12:50 p. m. Returning train will leave the Falls 6:30 p. m. and Buffalo 7:30 p. m. Fare round trip from Mt. Jewett $1 50, and in addition to tickets being good going and returning on trains as above they will also be good for return passage from Buffalo on regular trains Monday, July 24. For further particulars consult the nearest agent of the company and see small bills.

Dr. Montgomery,

The optician, who has established a branch office here at the Wright House, and who will be there next Wednesday, July 26, was formerly located in the Masonic temple building in Chicago. Since he established an office in Bradford, about two years ago, he has been making a specialty of curing headaches with glasses, and never has failed yet with any case. This is truly remarkable because so many claim to do this and utterly fail. The Doctor is a graduate of the Chicago Ophthalmic College, and as an eye specialist is having wonderful success. Do not fail to call on him next Wednesday at the Wright House.

Wanted.

One thousand chestnut telegraph poles delivered along the line of the Mt. Jewett, Clermont & Northern Railroad between Smethport and Hazelhurst. Poles to be of good, sound live timber, not less than six inches in diameter at the small end, 25 feet in length and of approved specifications. Apply to M. S. BLAIR, Purchasing Agent, Interior Construction & Improvement Company, Hornellsville, N. Y. 2t

For Sale Cheap—A second-hand Rambler bicycle, in fine condition. Call at Dr. Pierce's dental parlors.

A girl's wheel for sale cheap. Call at the store of M. L. Armstrong. 2t

Paints, Oils, Varnish, Nails, Builders' Hardware at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

The MINER and Tribune $1.25.

Death of Mrs. Davis.

Last Monday Mrs. Eva Davis died at the home of her son, Cyrus Davis, on Water street, after a lingering illness of consumption. Mrs. Davis was born in Ireland 58 years ago and came to this country when a young girl. She was married to Mr. Davis in Ireland and came to this country with her husband and family. Mr. Davis died about 15 years ago. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Methodist church and was a kind and loving mother. She is survived by two sons, Cyrus and Thomas, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Lock, all residents of this place. The funeral was held from the residence on Water street Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Walker officiating. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Don't Worry About the Editor.

"It takes the money to run a newspaper."—St. John (Kan.) News.

What an exaggeration! what a whopper! It has been disproved a thousand times. It is a case of airy fancy. It doesn't take money to run a newspaper. It can run without money. It is not a business venture. It is a charitable institution, a lodging house, a lightning rod, a lightning arrester, a life preserver, a Hahnemann remedy, a Salvation Army, a Mother Shipton's cradle, a Noah's ark, a Pandora box, a Bible class, a Sunday school, a Y. M. C. A., a Y. W. C. A., a Christian Endeavor society, a Methodist class meeting, a Baptist experience meeting, a Presbyterian prayer meeting, a Congregational experience meeting, a Universalist experience meeting, a Unitarian experience meeting, a Christian Science experience meeting, a Quaker silent meeting, a Shaker dance, a Mormon revival, a Dowie tabernacle, a Holy Roller camp meeting, a Jumper love feast, a Shouting Methodist experience meeting, a Catholic confessional, a Jewish synagogue, a Buddhist joss house, a Mohammedan mosque, a Brahmin temple, a Confucian joss house, a Parsee fire worship, a Theosophical séance, a Spiritualistic materialization, a Mind Cure healing, a Faith Cure healing, a Christian Science healing, a Magnetic healing, a Mesmeric healing, a Hypnotic healing, a Clairvoyant healing, a Palmistry healing, a Phrenological healing, a Physiognomical healing, a Graphological healing, a Spiritualistic healing, a Hydropathic healing, a Homeopathic healing, a Hahnemann healing, a Regular healing, a Quack healing, a Patent medicine

A MEMORY

I keep the flower you gathered me
The grandeur, past all measure,
And you—but oh! you are a heart
The heart you neglect for pleasure

Among my treasures love your note,
With words and phrases tender,
But further by than hiding that
The feeling of the sender.

I know the foolish thing to save
Those symbols dead to cherish,
And yet and yet I can't leave
I cannot let them perish!

—St. Paul's.

AT THE STILE

Story Conveyed and Met in Short Letters. Then They Returned Them Twice.

They might have been brother and sister or cousins accustomed to each other's society every day in the year. Certainly they did not act like lovers. They walked carefully the matrimonial height, on either side of the dusty lane, each keeping close to the border of the grass.

"I think," said the woman, "that it is the very wisest thing we can do."

The man started—he glanced covertly at her, then turned his face very deliberately to her as he replied, "I will not say you are wrong. But have you reached this conclusion suddenly, within the past hour, or did you arrive at it last night?"

"Last night."

"Then you doubtless thought of everything in connection with—with"—

"Our quarrel?" she looked straight at him. Her face was not disturbed in the least that he could see, she seemed, indeed, to be unusually self possessed. "Yes."

"I apprehended as much." The man himself with an effort; it required an effort. "I made due provision for this interview."

"A case of telepathy." She laughed. Her laugh was the same—there was not a false note in it. The man could not have laughed naturally if his life had been at stake. "You mean you have brought my letters?"

"Yes."

"I brought yours with me, Carroll." She uttered his name just as she always uttered it. At that moment he could not trust himself to utter her name. He would exhibit feeling—he knew it. And to think this was the woman he could have sworn sympathized with him as no other person in the wide world sympathized with him in his work and aims. Yet it was well that they had made the discovery in time.

She handed him a small, dainty looking package; he reached her a larger and by no means as neat a package. He observed the difference himself. Then he inferred that his feelings were much the deepest; she had been at pains to make hers attractive; he had no thought of mere appearance when he tied his. He felt as if his heart was bound up—going from his in that little package.

"Now that it is all over, Clara" it required an effort to call her by that name—"will you tell me my chief offense? I am not indifferent; I like the good opinion of my fellows that is, while I preserve my self respect in all ways. Of course, I do not fancy the idea of going through the world in a way that would subject me to the criticism of any sensible man or woman."

"Well, I am rather glad you ask that. It disburdens me of one impression. Now that everything is over between us I will be entirely frank with you. Indeed, it is due to you to say that I do not—no, I am quite sure I have never met a man whose manners, whose estimate of himself (judging from his manner and general bearing), are more perfect or commendable than yours."

"You have taken a load from my shoulders—positively you have—Clara."

"How about my manners?" She held her head a trifle higher; her parasol at that moment was deflected; he could just see the lower part of her face; her chin seemed a little redder—or was it imagination?

"Why, what on earth do you mean?"

"I asked you a very simple question. But it does not make any difference."

"Your manners"—

"Did you not say last night that I was too demonstrative—when Miss Challoner fainted and her dog was trampled by Mr. Trescott?"

"You must have wholly misunderstood"—

"Well, perhaps I was mistaken there. But do you recall your words—your exact words—when I was introduced to your friend, Mr. Grinnell?"

"I do not. Now I do recall it. I may have said I thought you unlike yourself. Somehow you seemed, for the first time, precise. But"

"Then you persisted in going away and leaving me with him."

"Miss Blackmont beckoned to me—you saw her with her mother."

"That did not occur to me. Of course, you could not have walked across the room with me and left me with them?"

"It was doubtless stupid of me, but"—

"Let us say no more. It is all so unlike us to part like children."

"But about Grinnell. I did not know he was, ah—disagreeable to you. If I had dreamed"—

"Do you tell me that you did not know he pursued me two years ago—the very first year I was out? I have been annoyed by him more than by any other man. I never liked him—and never will."

"Am I to understand that Mr. Grinnell is the gentleman that your mother allowed to last fall when"—

"Please let us not speak of Mr Grinnell any more."

"But I want to say I only became acquainted with him a week ago, and"—

"I am glad no one observed us. I dislike that Miss Dreggitt. She is a confirmed gossip—and busybody."

"Yet you took her arm last night and walked away with her."

"The wisest thing I could do—how else do you think I could have diverted her attention? She has eyes like a hawk's."

"You mean"—

"I mean that if I had not walked away at that precise moment with her all the world would know we were at odds. Is that plain enough?"

"But you—you walked away with Mr. Grinnell."

"For the same reason that you walked away with Miss Dreggitt."

"I hope you will remember me among your truest friends, Clara."

"You have no better friend than I am."

"If anybody had told me yesterday we would be walking here this way today"—

"I might say the same. Do you mean to convey the impression I am in any way at fault?"

"You are faultless—have I not always told you so? I never realized your good sense, your justice, your beauty, as I do this moment."

"You compel me to say in reply that I never had less reason to note anything approaching a fault in you. I can say that now that everything is over."

"Is it all over? Listen, Clara. There is some inconceivable misunderstanding. You are perfection in my eyes—you must permit me to finish. I was chilled by a single glance last night—are you not one who was annoyed about Grinnell. What has Grinnell to do with me or mine? I was grieved to the soul when you avoided me. And yet we two of all other people in the world. I did not close my eyes last night."

They were now at the stile. She grew red and pale by turns.

"Let us sit down here a few minutes. There is no one near."

"Why do you confess in one breath that you have no fault to find with my appearance or manners—and give me back my letters?"

"Why did you give me mine?"

"God knows—I do not. I thought you had suddenly discovered something that you did not like"—

"You did me the injustice to think I was changeable."

"I deserve the rebuke."

"And yet you could say with as much reason that I assumed you were changeable."

"It would never occur to me."

"How delicious and cool it is here."

"I never beheld a lovelier morning."

"Nor I."

He drew a package from his pocket. After looking at it sadly he handed it to her.

"Give me yours."

Without a word she gave him back the package he had given her near the bottom of the lane.

"We have acted like silly children," she said slyly.

"No, Clara, we have acted like sensible man and woman, and now we are not to be alone. I see Miss Dreggitt's hat and parasol. I could tell her among a million."

"Let her come. I do not care if all the world sees us." Philadelphia Item.

Pioneers in Alpine Climbing.

The professors of the Swiss universities were the pioneers in Alpine climbing. But it would be a mistake to imagine that the pioneers were always entered into the solitudes by love of nature, through sense of scenic grandeur and beauty, as these have been understood since Ruskin opened the eyes of men. One of them spent many a season in searching for traces of the dragon of fable. Another, as Mr. Gribble has pointed out in a weekly contemporary, went aloft to test the truth of the tradition that the top of Pilatus held Pontius Pilate's body. Gesner's feeling for mountain scenery must have been somewhat of the Rosa Kindum order. But Gesner was an exceptional person.

The Japanese have a proverb relating to one of their most famous mountain tops. "There are two kinds of fools; those who have not seen it, and those who have seen it twice." Until the nineteenth century modern Europeans appear to have been pretty generally of that way of thinking. Ninety years ago some of them painted the risks of mountaineering in language that no one would be appropriate to a month's trip in Andrew's balloon. London Daily News.

Not in Her Nightgown.

It is commonly supposed that when the tidings of the death of William IV were conveyed to Queen Victoria she received the archbishop of Canterbury and those with him in her nightgown, but the ridiculous nightgown story can easily be exploded. The mistake originated in one of Disraeli's novels. As a matter of fact, during the last century the garment now known as dressing gown was called a nightgown, and we read of elderly ladies and gentlemen walking in their gardens before breakfast in their nightgown. It was really a dressing gown which the princess donned before receiving the archbishop, and it was a pretty one, made of white cambric, over which her maid threw a shawl.

The archbishop was accompanied by the Marquis of Conyngham and Sir Henry Halford, and the difficulty they experienced in getting admission to the castle has been likened to the scene in "Macbeth," where the sleepy and incredulous porter has been aroused from his slumbers. It was a long time before the porter would answer the clamorous summons, though the archbishop pealed at the bell, while the marquis plied the knocker.—Dublin Independent.

A Mad Monarch's Freak.

"At the time the malady of Ludwig II, the mad King of Bavaria, was at its worst he gave orders that 30 of his finest horses should be put in the best condition possible for a race," writes Professor J. H. Gore in The Ladies' Home Journal. "When the report came that no further improvement could be made, he had them brought into an open field where every conceivable form of noise making device had been stationed.

"The horses were tied to posts, and the king from an elevated stand gave the signal that started the flare of trumpets, the booming of cannon, the firing of bombs and other outlandish noises. The horses reared, plunged, struggled to get free, and finally breaking loose started in the wildest of gallops from this bedlam. But toward whatever corner of the field they fled they were stopped by noises just as terrifying and sent to another quarter to be frightened again and again.

"When the horses became too tired to run well, the king found the spectacle uninteresting and ordered the orgy to cease. By this cruel freak the royal stables lost a number of their most valuable animals."

Shocked the Chief Justice.

Lord Russell of Killowen, the chief justice of England, was up in London for a few days last long vacation, and having nothing to do after the morning accepted a friend's invitation to lunch at his club. After luncheon a scratch rubber was with difficulty got together, very few members being in the town. The fourth man, a young subaltern in the guards, only joined after mentioning that he played a very poor rubber. Unfortunately the chief cut him as partner, several times in succession. At first he only fidgeted a little and made one or two mild inquiries. But after something extra diabolical his lordship broke out with: "I really think, sir, you are playing badly on purpose to annoy me."

"Oh, shut up!" said the soldier. "How can any fellow play when you keep jawing at him?" Lord Russell, with quiet dignity, observed, "I don't think you know to whom you are speaking, sir."

"Oh, yes, I do," said the warrior. "You are the lord chief justice, but you're not in your blooming police court now." Tableau.

Gallantry of Ambrose Bierce.

No one made any remark upon the temerity of the ladies who invited Ambrose Bierce to deliver a lecture before the members of their club. Undaunted by his reputation they fearlessly boarded the lion in his den, a committee extending the invitation verbally.

Bierce was so taken aback by the unexpectedness of the request that, to his own surprise, he found himself weakly accepting the bid and then humbly consulting his callers concerning the topic upon which they might desire him to speak.

The president, a dignified and very conservative lady, in reply to a novel suggestion of the lecturer elect, remarked somewhat loftily that they were not a club of new women.

"I am convinced of that," answered Mr. Bierce in a bland and deferential tone, which almost but not quite concealed his cynicism. "Shall I say you are a club of old women?"—San Francisco News Letter.

Fire at Weddings.

Fire is an essential in some wedding celebrations. In Persia the service is read in front of a fire. In Nicaragua the priest, taking the couple each by the little finger, leads them to an apartment where a fire is lighted and there instructs the bride in her duties extinguishing it by way of conclusion. In Japan the woman kindles a torch, and the bridegroom lights one from it. the playthings of the wife being burnt then and there.

FOOLED THE CATAMOUNT.

And the Story Most Plainly Showed That Her Yeoman Were Hurt.

"People who imagine that animals haven't got feelings don't know what they are talking about," said the Yellowstone Park guide as he sat cleaning his rifle. "I was cutting a trail around one of the sprouting springs one day, and, getting warmed up, I threw my coat over the end of a log. By and by I went off to hunt for a drink of water, and it was perhaps half an hour before I returned to my work.

"When I came up, it was to see a whalin big mountain lion creepin along to spring on the coat. It was over the log in a way to make it look like a man stoopin down, and the lion was nicely deceived. He skulked up to within 18 feet of the log, crouched flat for a moment and laid back his ears, and then he made two jumps of it. Gressed lightnin wasn't in it with that critter. It was like a big ball of fur shot from a cannon, and as he flew he uttered a screech which brought my hair on end. If that coat had been a man he would not have had time to say gum. The lion lit down on it with claws and teeth ready for business, and in five seconds the garment was cut into carpet rags.

"Then he realized the cheat, and you never saw a human bein look so foolish. His tail went down to the earth, the fire died out of his eyes and he'd have given $80 for some one to kick him up hill. His chagrin was so plain that I laughed right out, and that broke his heart. He looked at me and whimpered like a puppy, and when I asked if his mother knew he was out he fetched a sort of sob in his throat and sneaked off like a dog caught killin sheep. If I could have run fast enough to have caught him by the tail he wouldn't have even looked back. He knew he had made a fool of himself, and he wanted to go off and hide and have a long think."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

PIDGIN ENGLISH.

The Queer Jargon Used by the Business People of China.

The mongrel tongue known as "pidgin English" is almost the only medium of communication between foreigners and the Chinese, and nine-tenths of the enormous business done in China between the English and the Chinese is done through this grotesque gibberish. Mr. Chester Holcombe, in his "Real Chinaman," gives two amusing anecdotes to show how absurd it is.

A young foreigner who called upon two young ladies, also foreigners, was informed by their Chinese servant "that two piecey girls no can see. Number one piecey top side makee washee, washee. Number two piecey go outside, makee walkee, walkee." He meant to say that the elder of the two was taking a bath up stairs, and the youngest had gone out.

When King Kalakaua of the Hawaiian Islands visited Shanghai, he occupied a suit of rooms up one flight of stairs at the Astor House. Two American gentlemen called to pay their respects one morning, and, meeting the proprietor, inquired if the king was in. "I will see," replied the landlord, and, shouting to a Chinese servant, asked: "Hey! That piecey king top side, hab got?" "Hab got," laconically answered the servant. "Gentlemen, his majesty is in. Pray walk up," said the landlord.

The Tone of Oxford University.

The atmosphere of culture which pervades every part of the university is the truest cause of Oxford's greatness. Dull indeed must the student be who is not touched and deeply influenced by this great force during his university life. It strikes the foreigner immediately. The first evidence of it comes perhaps in the course of the first conversation in a student's room, at which he happens to be present. He will not fail to notice the correctness of expression, and usually the vigor and freshness of thought, which are the salient characteristics of the conversation of the best Oxford men. Of course there are exceptions. There are frequent examples of the literary dude in Oxford as well as anywhere else of the man who sacrifices all pretense to sincerity and soundness to a momentary and half cheap epigrammatic brilliancy of expression. But this is not true of the average Oxford man.—Harvard Bulletin.

Sothern and Laura Keene.

While in New York and before he had made any hit, the elder Sothern had a dispute with Laura Keene concerning some trivial affair at a rehearsal, and Miss Keene went into one of her tantrums. After the quarrel on the stage she retired to her dressing room and, still angry, sent for Sothern and began to rate him fiercely.

"Stop, Laura—stop just a minute" interrupted the comedian and advancing to the light deliberately turned it down.

"What do you mean by that, sir?" she demanded in a rage.

"Oh, nothing," replied Sothern, "but you have always been so lovely to me that I can't bear to look upon your beautiful face when you are in a passion. Now, go on."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Paid 15 Cents to Buy His Wife.

The maddest man in Platte county lives at Humphreys. He attended a social, and during the evening the ladies inaugurated a hugging bee, the proceeds to go to the Sunday school. Prices were graded according to the person hugged. For instance, for hugging a young, inexperienced girl the bidder had to give up ten cents, married women brought 25 cents and widows a quarter. Well, the man was blindfolded and, giving up 15 cents, he said he would take a married woman. After he had hugged 15 cents' worth the bandage was removed from his eyes, and lo and behold, he had been hugging his own wife! Then he kicked and wanted his 15 cents back.—Columbus (Neb.) Times.

Reassured.

They had been married seven years. The doctor had been called in and pronounced him a very sick man. As his wife entered the room after the doctor's last visit he called her to his bedside, and in a tremulous voice he remarked:

"Darling, I am going."

Leaning over him, she stroked his head gently, and reminiscently replied: "Cheer up, Clarence! That remark assures me that you will live. Don't you remember how often you said that during our courting days and how persistently you didn't go?"—Boston Courier.

Her Theory.

Mrs. Mild—You seem to differ from the usual idea about coddling a man to win his consent. According to your theory, scolding is the best medium for winning satisfactory results.

Mrs. Wild—That, my dear, is in accord with one of the laws of nature. Everything has got to be blown up before it will come down.—Richmond Dispatch.

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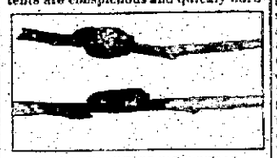
FARM AND GARDEN

THE TENT CATERPILLAR.

Easily Destroyed in Its Several Stages of Existence.

The orchardist who suffers severely from the apple tree tent caterpillar must be condemned as careless. The caterpillars may be quite readily located and destroyed while in the eggs; the tents are conspicuous and quickly born



EGG MASSES OF TENT CATERPILLAR.

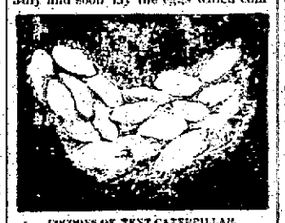
ed; the young caterpillars yield speedily to arsenicals and the white cocoons plainly show themselves for destruction. The caterpillars in a nest of ordinary size will consume 2,500 apple leaves in a week, and, as they feed for five or six weeks, those from two or three nests may almost completely strip a tree of its foliage and greatly lower its vitality. They seem to prefer the taste of wild cherry, and this tree was probably their original food plant. All such trees should be carefully watched, as they are liable to be starting points for the invasion of nearby orchards. Next to the wild cherry the caterpillars seek the apple, but they also do considerable damage upon cherry, plum and peach.

From late July until the following spring the insects will be found in the egg. These eggs are laid in peculiar rings or bands—"thimbles" or "caterpillar belts," some call them—about the smaller twigs. They are covered with a thick layer of glue, which makes a glistening protection from the weather. These bands are large enough to be plainly seen and can be easily removed and burned when pruning the trees. The little caterpillars form in the eggs in the summer, but do not hatch until the middle or last of the following April. They soon begin the construction of the well known nests. These are usually placed in some crotch of twigs near the abandoned egg band and are formed by the threads of silk which the caterpillars spin. As the larvæ grow, and the nest becomes too small another sheet of threads is spun, so that the tent is really a succession of nests, one outside the other. These white or yellowish masses of silk are easily destroyed by burning on the tree or by cutting off the twig and crushing the nest. This should be done in the evening or just before a storm, when the caterpillars have sought shelter.

The caterpillars feed until late in May. Their body color is black, but a prominent white stripe extends the full length of the back.

There are also numerous shorter irregular white lines and a row of oval pale blue spots upon each side, while the entire body is thinly covered with long yellowish hairs. The caterpillars, especially when young, can easily be killed by two or three sprayings with some arsenical poison. Birds feeding upon these caterpillars are yellow billed and black billed cuckoos, the black capped chickadee, Baltimore oriole, red eyed and warbling vireos, wren, chipping sparrow, yellow warbler and crow.

The larvæ crawl down the trunks of the trees in late May, when they are mature, and are nearly two inches long. They spin their cocoons on the trunks of trees, where they are protected by the rough bark; in the grass under the trees, about fences, eaves, window casings and the sides of outbuildings. When in such masses as shown in the figure, there is no excuse for not discovering and destroying the cocoons. From these cocoons the reddish brown moths emerge in late June and early July and soon lay the eggs which com-



COCOONS OF TENT CATERPILLAR.

plete the life cycle. These moths are quite large and are easily distinguishable from all but a few closely related species by the two oblique, nearly parallel, bands of white crossing the wings.

The foregoing points are reproduced from an outline, with illustrations, of the life story of the tent caterpillar given by the Geneva (N. Y.) station in bulletin 152, which concludes with these recommendations: Protect and encourage birds, destroy egg bands and cocoons and reward children for collecting them, burn out or crush the nests while the caterpillars are in them, spray the trees with paris green, london purple, green arsenite or arsenite of lime, and last, but not least, see that wild cherry trees, crab apple trees and neglected apple trees along roadsides are kept free from the pests or cut down.

It appears from the experience of one New Jersey tomato grower, reported by Director Voorhees, that from every dollar's worth of nitrate of soda applied to the land there was a return of $53.59, from sulphate of ammonia a return of $44.26 for every dollar expended and from dried blood a return of $22.55 for every dollar expended. Similar results were obtained in the case of muskmelons, bees, forage crops and potatoes, showing the superiority of nitrate of soda.

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"I get $15 a week salary," said a cashier, "and I always count on an additional $3, or 50 cents per day, through forgotten change. I do not consider that I am doing anything dishonest, either because I always make an effort to attract the customer's attention to the fact that he is leaving his change behind. Nine cases out of ten I succeed, even if I have to send a waiter to follow the man clear out into the street. But there are enough of the tenth cases to make my receipts foot up all of the spin weekly I have named. The majority of them are people in a hurry to catch a train or car or to keep an appointment, and they haven't the time to return, even if they did discover their loss a square or so away. The next day they don't care, or at least the majority of them do not, to speak about such a small matter, the overlooked change seldom being more than 5 or 10 cents, and I am just so much ahead. The proprietor get it? Certainly not. It doesn't belong to him, and just so the money in the cash drawer balances with the register he is satisfied."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Plied It on the Princess.

In China it is etiquette to regard one as older than he or she really is. When the Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia visited Shanghai, they met a notable mandarin, one of whose first questions to the prince—this being an invariable matter of Chinese politeness—was:

"How old are you?"

"A little more than 26," answered the prince, smiling.

"Indeed!" said the mandarin. "Your highness appears 50."

The mandarin then turned to the interpreter—Herr Voight, a German—and inquired the princess' age. She answered, "Thirty-two." The interpreter interpreted, and the mandarin made a remark in Chinese evidently intended to be complimentary. The interpreter blushed uneasily and hesitated to translate the remark. The prince saw the difficulty and laughingly commanded:

"Out with it, Voight!"

"He says," the interpreter then translated to the princess, "that your highness looks like 60."

He had meant it well, and of course the princess had sense enough not to take it ill.

Should Women Smoke?

I have no earthly objection to women smoking; only, if they do smoke, they should smoke seriously. Most of them just fool a little with a cigarette. Now, that scarcely amounts to smoking at all. If they really mean it, let them take to cigars and pipes.

I know a dignified old lady, a Polish countess—what is her name? Countess? Countess?—oh, well, Thingamojisky—it ends in 'sky,' anyhow—and I respect that woman. She genuinely smokes, and no mistake about it. There is no playing there. She looks on it as a sacred duty. She has a long pipe with a wooden stem and the bark on, and a fine big bowl—a regular man's pipe. When she was visiting me, she just loaded up and smoked, and loaded up and smoked, and loaded up and smoked again. She meant business.

I know another lady who has a long Turkish pipe, and she, too, means business. If women are ever to be genuine smokers, that is the way they must go to work.—Mark Twain.

The Good Old Quill.

The art of cutting a quill by adept "quill drivers" was flying when I began schooling. Steel pens had been known for some time, but were not in general use. The goose quill pen died a hard death as a commonly used writing tool. My first schoolmaster was a first rate hand at cutting a quill, and he could use it with wonderful effect in flourishing. It was his boast that he could fill the first page of a lad's schoolbook with name, age, date and flourishes—in which were depicted wonderful swans and other birds in such a fashion that none but experts like himself could tell where the quill pen was taken from the paper for a fresh dip. My last master could neither cut a quill nor use one with advantage. Quills as pens remained in use in some houses as the only writing tool up to a dozen to 20 years ago.—Notes and Queries.

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[illegible] to appear there on midnights. One peculiar thing about witches is that they cannot get across running water, and a stream of any sort always acts as a protection to the nightly prowler, who will follow along the bank of a stream in preference to the road. These are some of the things which are more generally believed in the country around Washington and along the eastern shore. Some of the articles of the creed of the superstitious in that neighborhood are:

If you sweep your room at night, you sweep away your wealth.

Never shake crumbs out of a window after dark. They are supposed to fall into the eyes of the Lord and to disturb the spirits of the dead who wander abroad at night.

Don't wash your hands in water in which eggs have been boiled. You are liable to become covered with warts.—Baltimore Sun.

Sly Old Commodore.

"When Commodore Vanderbilt was alive," says a New York Central official, "the board of directors of the New York Central used to find their work all cut out for them when they met. All they had to do was to ratify his plans and adjourn. Yet they had their uses. Occasionally a man would come to him with some scheme which he did not care to refuse outright.

"'My directors are a difficult body of men to handle,' he would say. 'I'll submit it to 'em, but I warn you that they are hard to manage.'

"The matter would be submitted to the board, when it assembled and promptly rejected.

"'There,' the commodore would say when his visitor came to learn the result. 'I did the best I could, but I told you in advance that my directors were an obstinate lot.'"—New York Herald.

Art and Nature.

The milkmaid with the picture hat and the dressed silk skirt tossed her head.

"In society, I suppose, I should be an impossible person," she exclaimed, "but it's different in art."

And after all, to be perfectly candid, there is nothing essentially degrading about milking an art cow.—Detroit Journal.

Just the Thing.

"In every city of reasonable size," said Beaver, "they ought to have a Mothers' Exchange."

"What for?" queried James.

"Why, every woman knows exactly just how every other woman's child ought to be reared, and by trading mothers every child could get a good training."—Kansas City Star.

A Good Memory.

"Excuse me, sir, but haven't we met before? Your face is strangely familiar."

"Yes, madam, our host introduced us to each other just before dinner."

"Ah, I was positive I had seen you somewhere! I never forget a face."—Harlem Life.

A Slow Grass Dodger.

The applicants for teachers' certificates in Calloway county were asked at examination to define "intelligence." One teacher answered that "intelligence is something to throw at a dog."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

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